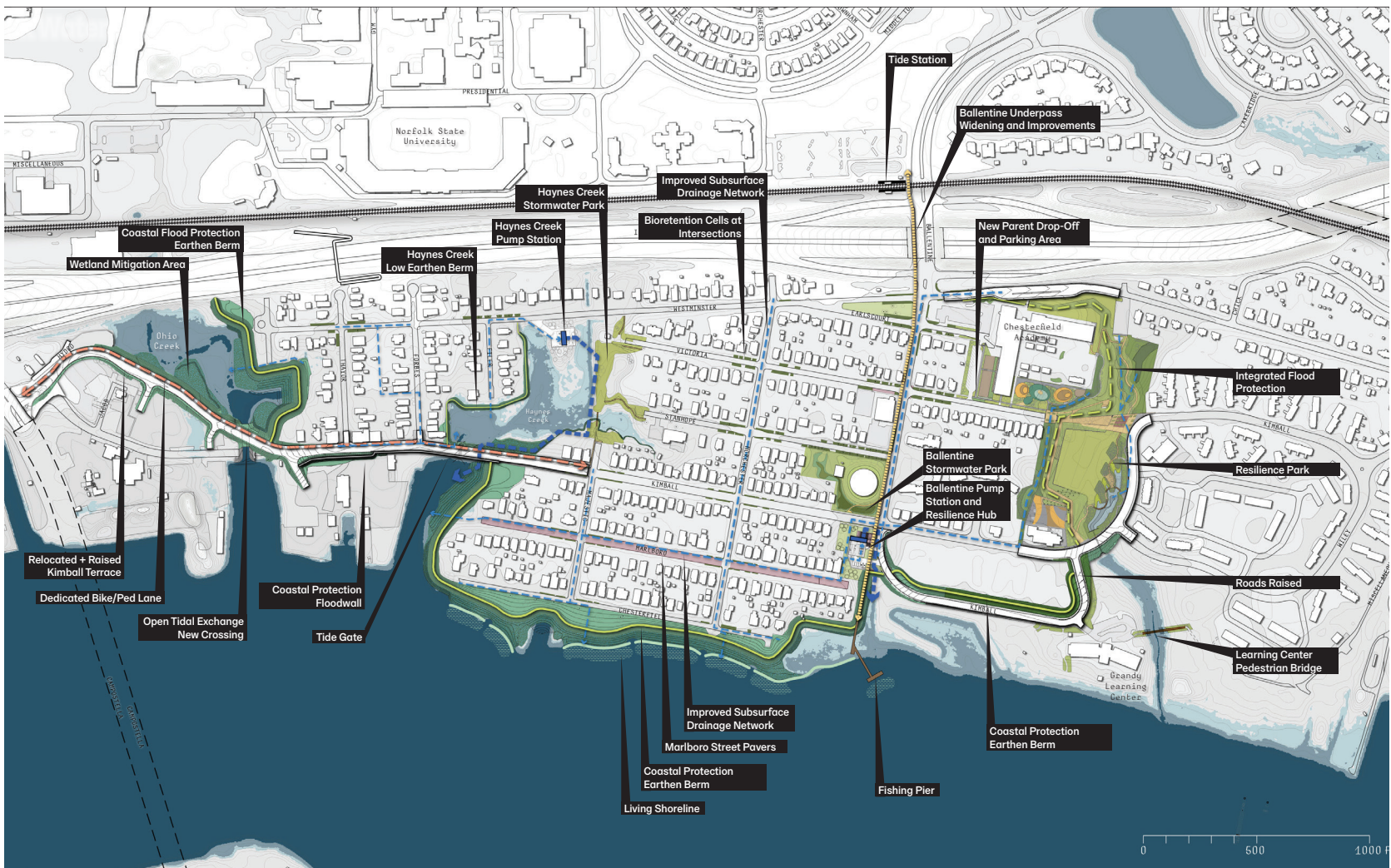


# The Ohio Creek Project

## August 2019 Newsletter



Ohio Creek Project Construction Phase Underway

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## Goodbye and Thank You!

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you my decision to leave the City of Norfolk and the position of Chief Resilience Officer. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you on this amazing project. Together we have designed a world-class coastal community of the future.

I hoped construction would be underway prior to my last day but we are still ironing out the construction contract. The project is in the good hands of folks you already know—Kyle Spencer, the Deputy Resilience Officer, Scott Smith, Norfolk's Coastal Manager and Selo Qejvani who will serve as the City's construction manager for the project. (There is a story about Selo in this newsletter.) The City will name a new Chief Resilience Officer in the near future.

Once the construction contract is finalized, we will announce a date for the groundbreaking ceremony later this month.

The City and MEB are working together to create a project construction website to keep you informed of the project schedule, road closings and other events. The website address is [www.ohiocreek.today](http://www.ohiocreek.today). This will be the best place to learn the most up-to-date information. You can also visit the City's project website at [www.norfolk.gov/ohiocreek](http://www.norfolk.gov/ohiocreek) to see newsletters, view project videos and learn the history of the project. Look for the [www.ohiocreek.today](http://www.ohiocreek.today) to be up and running in early September.

I just want to close by thanking you again. You have made my time as Norfolk's Chief Resilience Officer a truly rewarding experience. Your kindness and support of this project is like nothing I've ever experienced. I am excited to see project construction underway!

— Christine Morris

## Project Construction Manager: Selo

The Resilience Office is excited to welcome **Selo Qejvani** to the team as the City's construction manager for the Ohio Creek Project. Selo has a fascinating background. Originally from Albania, he has worked and studied in Greece and Scotland before coming to the U.S.

Since then, he has earned a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Wayne State University, a Master's in Civil Engineering from ODU, and a Professional



Engineering license in Virginia. In addition to years of project management experience in water and sewer projects, he also has past work experience with building renovations, HVAC systems, and an assortment of engine/motor repairs.

He even has experience as a chef in Italian/pizza restaurants –When you see him in the neighborhood, be sure to say hi or send him an email at: [Selo.Qejvani@norfolk.gov](mailto:Selo.Qejvani@norfolk.gov)

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## Interest in the Ohio Creek Project

The Ohio Creek Project is world famous. People from Norfolk, the Hampton Roads region, the nation and the other countries are interested in the project. Over the next three years you can expect to see unfamiliar faces touring your neighborhood. The City is putting up project description signs that will help visitors understand the project components and what they are designed to do.

Philip Shucet is a resident of Norfolk who is taking pictures and capturing resident stories. You may have seen him talking with residents already. While Philip doesn't work for the City of Norfolk we are excited to hear your stories. So, if you choose to talk with Philip, he will share your stories with us. But, please don't feel you need to talk with anyone. It's your neighborhood and your project!



# Ohio Creek Project Timeline

## January 2017

- + Grant Award to the Commonwealth

## March 2017

- + Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Norfolk

## Winter 2018

- + Permittable Drawings

## Spring 2019

- + Bid Packages for Construction

## Summer 2022

- + Construction Completed

## Property Easements/Purchases

To implement this project, the city will need to acquire a number of easements and has worked with current owners to purchase a small number of properties.

Property owners are being contacted directly or via US Mail to discuss impacts to their property.

If you have received a letter or have any questions, please contact Kyle Spencer at [Kyle.Spencer@Norfolk.org](mailto:Kyle.Spencer@Norfolk.org)

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